

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARIE  
MACHELL MILLIKEN

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today with the greatest sadness. When unexpected tragedies occur to exemplary individuals, it is a blow to the community as a whole. One such tragedy cost the life of an individual from my home district, Marie Machell Milliken. She was killed on Highway 84 near Telluride in a car accident. Her husband of 52 years was with her at the time and survived the accident.

Mrs. Milliken was born November 21, 1926, in Barre, Vermont. She met her husband while attending college at Yale University. Mrs. Milliken was a professor of nursing, vice president of academic affairs at Loretto Heights College and the director of nursing at Regis University. She received the Distinguished Alumna Award for the class of 1951. She also attended and matriculated from Colby College and the University of Denver.

She is survived by her husband Gordon, their children Doug, Karen, David, Anne and one grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, my thoughts and prayers are with the Milliken family, Marie will be deeply missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAL  
ROSSELLI, LABOR LEADER OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sal Roselli, a friend of mine and a good friend to working people throughout the Nation, who will receive the honored title of Labor Leader of the Year in Contra Costa County, California by the AFL-CIO, on September 17, 2004. Sal is receiving this honor in recognition of the contributions he has made to bring high quality health care to all Americans.

Sal is the President of the Service Employees International Union Local 250, AFL-CIO. Since he became President in 1988 that Union has become the fastest growing health care union in the Nation, having seen its membership rise from 25,000 to 100,000. During this time his union has established new standards on wages, benefits and quality of care issues through the collective bargaining process. SEIU Local 250 has played a leading role in advancing social justice issues such as immigrant rights, health care access, peace and affirmative action.

Sal's commitment to working people began in the late 1960's when he worked with Doro-

thy Day of the Catholic Worker's Movement, followed by a year of community organizing with VISTA. He moved to the Bay Area in the early 1970's, and by 1984 he was president of the Alice B Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, which grew to be the largest in the country.

As a national vice-president of SEIU, Sal has helped bring a new sense of urgency within the labor movement to address one of our Nation's greatest shames—the lack of health insurance coverage for 45 million people. His union's 100,000 health care members are committed to bringing quality health care to every American.

I invite my colleagues to join me in saluting Sal Roselli in recognition of his service to America's health care needs.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIRE-  
MENT OF WALTER JOHNSON

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to a distinguished labor leader, a great San Franciscan, and a dear friend, Walter Johnson, upon his retirement. I join with my constituents to express our appreciation to Walter Johnson for 50 years of extraordinary service to the labor community and to the people of San Francisco. We are all fortunate that Walter chose to live in San Francisco and bestow upon us his immeasurable talents and contributions. He has devoted his life to fighting for equal rights in the workplace and social justice for all San Franciscans. He believes deeply in the dignity of all people and the freedoms of our democracy.

Born on April 22, 1924, in Amenias, North Dakota, Walter arrived in San Francisco following three years of service in the United States Army during World War II. He joined the Department Store Employees Union Local 1100, was elected President in 1958, and in 1964 was elected to his local's top position of Executive Officer. Under Walter's leadership, the rights of women, people of color, and lesbians and gays working in retail were protected and preserved. His expert guidance resulted in his subsequent reelection over the next eleven years.

Walter was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council in 1985, and since that time has fought to secure and protect individual workers' rights. As a frontline leader, Walter Johnson has led the fight for workers' benefits, healthcare reform, workplace equality, and union rights. Walter educated, enlightened and mobilized union members to correct the unjust and unfair practices that existed in the workplace. Walter developed and maintained strong personal ties with his numerous co-workers and union members, and has remained their loyal friend.

Walter's friendships extend far beyond the labor community to the homeless man on the

street, the man in the corner store, and innumerable others throughout the Bay Area and beyond. His friends have been blessed with his generous nature, his wry sense of humor, and his penchant for story telling. He is rarely without a personal anecdote or a footnote from history, which he often recalls in perfect iambic pentameter and rhyme. His boundless energy and enthusiasm is contagious.

Walter has given so much of himself to the labor movement and to the people of San Francisco, that we must thank his wife Jane and his children Eric, Lawrence and Mary, for sharing him with us. We honor him today for his courage, his leadership, and his wonderful friendship.

TRIBUTE TO ISABEL SANFORD

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and acknowledge the great accomplishments of a talented actress, Isabel Sanford, who passed away on July 9, 2004.

Ms. Sanford and Sherman Hemsley co-starred as Louise and George Jefferson in the sitcom *The Jeffersons*. Isabel Sanford was also known affectionately to many as "Weezy" Jefferson. She was a native New Yorker and performed at the world famous Apollo Theater in her youth. Ms. Sanford made her film debut in the historic *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*.

The Jeffersons was one of the first television sitcoms to showcase the black family on national television. The Jeffersons moved on up from being the neighbors across the street from Archie Bunker, and moved into a skyscraper in New York City. She, along with Sherman Hemsley, changed the way America looked at African Americans; breaking down barriers and eliminating stereotypes. Ms. Sanford was the first black woman to receive an Emmy for Best Actress in a comedy series for her work on *The Jeffersons*.

Ms. Sanford's legacy will live on through her movies and her television but most of all her family and her fans. She will be greatly missed.

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**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of the Members of the House a newspaper article written by my constituent, Steven R. Rivkin, which was originally published on the Financial Times website on June 4th 2004. This piece offers some interesting, pragmatic and innovative views on how

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